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Reference Number: FOI003888 (customer reference INF003810)

Request:

Dear Medway Council FOI Team,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information regarding the potential relocation of Priestfield Stadium in Gillingham:

1. All records of communication (emails, letters, reports, meeting minutes) between Medway Council and Gillingham Football Club (or its representatives), developers, consultants, or other third parties relating to the potential relocation of Priestfield Stadium, from January 2018 to the present.

2. Any internal or commissioned assessments, feasibility studies, or strategic planning documents that identify or evaluate potential relocation sites, including but not limited to the Medway Park Sports Centre area.

3. Any discussions or documentation involving the potential use of public land or facilities for a relocated stadium, including Medway Park, and any assessments of the economic, environmental, or community impact of such use.

4. Any records of discussions, lobbying, or consultations involving elected councillors or local stakeholders regarding stadium relocation options and their potential effect on Gillingham town centre, including investment, footfall, or regeneration prospects.

5. Financial planning documents, cost projections, or funding proposals concerning the possible relocation of Priestfield Stadium, including any plans involving council support, grants, or public-private partnerships.

Given that Medway Park describes itself as a “world-class sports venue,” it would appear logical that its suitability as a relocation site would be considered. Therefore, I am particularly interested in whether that location has been assessed in any formal capacity.

Please provide the information in digital format.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Aubnoy

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Response:

Please refer to the attached document, provided by The Planning Service, titled:

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Please note that this document has been extracted from: March 2018 development strategy reg 18 Local Plan consultation.

We trust this information is to your satisfaction, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Information Governance Manager, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR., or email freedom@medway.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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